

TO: Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys  
Missouri Family Support Division Office Managers and Executive Staff

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RE: Child Support Partnership and Information Exchange

DATE:

It is our goal to continue to strengthen the partnership between Missouri prosecutors and the Family Support Division (FSD) to ensure that we deliver quality and timely child support services to families. One tool to accomplish this goal is to establish an effective communication process between the local prosecutors and the FSD.

First and foremost we want to encourage strong partnerships at the local level. However, we realize that some issues are more global and require discussion at a higher level with input from all impacted parties. To that end, we wish to establish a communication process for issues that go beyond the local level.

We intend to reinstate routine meetings between prosecuting attorneys, or their designees, and the FSD. It is our desire that all interested parties have an opportunity to participate in discussions that are informative, dedicated to service and program issues and focused on best practices and effective resolution of concerns.

To give you an idea of the topics to be covered during the meetings, some suggestions for standing agenda items include: Case Law Updates, New or Proposed Legislation, New or Proposed Administrative Rules, MACSS Updates, Policy Updates, Division FYIs (Corrective Actions, Management changes, Special projects, etc.), Field Issues, and Roundtable discussions.

The purpose of this memorandum is to invite you, or your designee, to the first meeting to be held on November 18, 2005 (location to be announced). If you are interested in participating in this event, please complete and return the attached document.

At the first meeting we will use the suggested agenda items as a guide for our discussion topics, and, in addition, will attempt to finalize the standing agenda items as well as the protocols for future meetings.

We welcome you to attend this meeting or to designate a staff person from your office to attend as your representative.

Thank you.